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Dear Jerry,

If the treatises you sent me represent the psychiatric science, I can think of nothing better to say than my genuine belief that they have set that science back a generation. One need only read this "science" to be grateful if this is the result.

For years to come this will be used by ~~canny~~ lawyers. I can just imagine one with the proper blend of skill and unscrupulousness performing before a not-too-bright jury.

My speech in Ohio was very well received. It made the editors think. From the record I'd say that 100% decided on butter. They were free in their appraisal of this as their best convention and its most interesting and provocative speech -~~xx~~ and their subsequent suppression of all mention of the speech and the books, including the new one. The AP wasted little time in proving how right I was, dedicating five long articles to it.

The TV things are like the "science", save that NBC's is from a CIA link and by a man with MI and DJ background while CBS's is its own kind of specialized dishonesty. The executive producer read Whitewash in the limited edition, tried to return the generally-circulated one on the statement they'd not do such a show, then did exactly that, save for the doctrine, using no criticisms by any critic not in my work, which was not once mentioned, no criticism as CBS' that also was not earlier mine, without mentioning my name, and attributed to others what I first did and exposed that they could not attribute to my competitors. Example, Alvarez and the unsteady camera meaning the early shot: Whitewash 47-8; Whitewash 2, about 213-4. It is difficult to anticipate the special dishonesties those paid well enough to be imaginative will create for special occasions. It is not difficult to imagine the worthwhile things that could come from such minds if there was money to pay for it.

My best to Kaye and the others. My third book, PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITE-WASH: SUPPRESSED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PICTURES, is out. Parallax will soon be bringing out my New Orleans book (text only). And I work still.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg